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SUBJECT: KISSINGER, MAVROS AND KUBISCH SHARE HEADLINES

1. SUMMARY. MOST ATHENS' DAILIES SEPT 6 FEATURED
FRONTPAGE ITEMS ON SECRETARY'S REMARKS AT SWEARING-IN
OF AMBASSADOR KUBISCH, AND HEADLINES WERE, FOR A CHANGE,
FAVORABLE. GREEK FM MAVROS' CURRENT VISIT IN PARIS ALSO
GARNERED MAJOR HEADLINES. END SUMMARY.

2. ALTHOUGH AVGHI, ATHINAIKI AND NEA IGNORED STORY, OTHER
ATHENIAN DAILIES PROMINENTLY REPORTED GIST OF SECRETARY'S
REMARKS AT SWEARING-IN AMBASSADOR KUBISCH. HEADLINES
CARRIED POSITIVE CONNOTATIONS: ELEFTHEROS COSMOS
(FRONTPAGE) "WE WILL DO OUR BEST FOR THE GREEK GOVERNMENT--
DIFFICULT PERIOD OVER, KISSINGER SAID." ACROPOLIS
(FRONTAPE) "KISSINGER: WE WILL DO OUR UTMOST FOR THE
KARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT--EFFORTS TO APPEASE GREECE."
TO VIMA (BACK PAGE) "DIFFICULT PERIOD IN THE RELATIONS WITH
GREECE OVER, MR. KISSINGER SAID--HE HOPES CYPRUS ISSUE WILL
BE SETTLED." APOGEVMATINI (FRONTPAGE) "KISSINGER NOW SAYS
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THAT HE PLACES HIMSELF IN FAVOR OF GREECE - PROMISES ABOUT

CYPRUS." ESTIA, WHICH CARRIED CRITICAL EDITORIAL ON SECRETARY, HEADLINES "KISSINGER'S DECLARATION AS STATEMENT OF PENITENCE." VRADYNI CARRIED SMALLER ITEM (BACK PAGE) UNDER "KISSINGER NOW PRESSING TURKEY." GREEK RADIO REPORTS OF THE CEREMONY ADDED A DETAIL NOT OTHERWISE REPORTED, VIZ. WHEN ASKED BY NEWSMAN IF AID TO TURKEY WOULD BE DISCONTINUED, THE SECRETARY ANSWERED "NO"

3. VRADYNI OF SEPTEMBER 5 CARRIED COMMENTARY BY ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT G. DEMOPOULOS ON INTERVIEW WITH KUBISCH. HE REPORTED NEW AMBASSADOR SPOKE "ENTHUSIASTICALLY" OF VRADYNI, PRAISED PREMIER CARAMANLIS AS AN OUTSTANDING LEADER, AND DESCRIBED LONG FRIENDSHIP WITH MR. KISSINGER. CORRESPONDENT SAID HE HAD IMPRESSION THAT KUBISCH WOULD WORK TOWARD SOLUTION KEEPING WITH GREEK NATIONAL DIGNITY.

4. PRESS ALSO FEATURED DEPARTURE STATEMENT ATHENS AND ARRIVAL COMMENTS PARIS OF DEPUTY PREMIER AND FM MAVROS WITH EMPHASIS THAT GREECE BELONGS TO EUROPE AND ARRIVAL COMMENTS PARIS OF DEPUTY PREMIER AND FM MAVROS WITH EMPHASIS THAT GREECE BELONGS TO EUROPE AND EUROPE MUST DECIDE ITS OWN DESTINY WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW.

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